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Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Policy Change

Effective Nov 1, 2014

- 1) PSID numbers will be required for all students testing prior to the test being sent.
- 2) PSID numbers will be required on the written test bubble sheet in the ID section. Test without this will be voided.
- 3) Paper test will no longer be sent to the fire dept. They will be shipped to the proctor's home address.
- 4) An individual valid e-mail address shall be provided during test registration. We will no longer accept abcfire@abcfire.com. Once again this is a security issue. We have no idea who is getting e-mails sent to this type of address.
- 5) When registering test request, if the student on the roster does not meet the prerequisites, a paper test will not be sent or an on line test will not be created for them.
- 6) The lead evaluator may only register students for the skills exam under the written course number. ie: if john doe completes skills with xyz class, but he is not registered in that class, we will not record his scores. His skills must be submitted under the course number that he is taking the written test under.

Fire Engineering student Keys for training access

The Fire Academy Training System has purchased 1000 student keys for use with the Fire Engineering Handbook for Firefighter I and II Learning Management System. We will provide these student keys to all Mandatory, Firefighter I/ II and Module classes. This online resource can be an invaluable tool for both students and instructors. Below are the criteria to be eligible and directions to obtain the keys. If you have any questions about this program feel free to contact David Probo at dprobo@dhs.in.gov.

- 1) The instructor is required to have attended a train-to-trainer on this program
- 2) The students must have attended the class for the first week
- 3) Instructor will submit a roster to firecertifications@dhs.in.gov with student roster and PSID#
- 4) Keys will be issued for each student. If the instructor submits 10 names, they will get 10 key id's. It is the instructor's responsibility to assign the key to each student and set up the student profile in the LMS.
- 5) The Lead Instructor will assign state fire training staff as an assisting instructor if requested.
- 6) If there are any issues with the on line process, they are to contact Cindy Huse, at Fire Engineering via email at CindyH@Pennwell.com.



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2015 State Fire Marshal Leadership

Seminar

Mark your calendars! There will be three Fire Marshal Leadership Seminars in early 2015 that provide updated information on projects & events such as EMS, Fire Training, Testing, Reporting, Prevention, Etc. This is a great time to ask your questions and correspond with the State Fire Marshal and his staff. The following dates are **January 24, February 7, & February 28**. No locations have been set. When the locations are set, notification will be sent out in the Instructor Bulletin, as well as the general pass on list.

Instructor Tips and Tricks

If you as an instructor have used or have seen tips that can be passed along to the fire service, as well as benefited from them, please send us your ideas! A good example of a tip that was recently submitted to us was ensuring that all window covers are easily removable for egress, by placing a bolt in the building or allowing it to operate on a hinge during live fire training.

As instructors, we must work together to come up with consistent and safe training methods and ideas. Please send your thoughts to BrWood@dhs.in.gov to post in our monthly Instructor Bulletins.

Quick Training Reference Tool

Do you or your department have a quick and easy training “read” that your firefighters can look at? Many fire departments and training entities are “thinking outside the truck” and placing quick reference tools in restrooms and break rooms. These reference items, or tips, can range from ensuring that we buckle up for

safety, wash our personal protective equipment, and even not forgetting to wash our hands after every run!

For good training tools and general information, visit

<http://www.firefighterclosecalls.com/home.php>

.If you have an idea, please send it us at BrWood@dhs.in.gov and we will be sure to share it with the fire service!

Traffic Incident Management Train-the-Trainer

The next Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Training “Train-the-Trainer” instructor class is set for October 15-16 in Indianapolis. Location is Ivy Tech Public Safety Facility, 9530 E 59th St., Lawrence, IN 46216. Class times are as follows: October 15- 8a-4:30pm / October 16- 8a-12p. Both days are required for the completion of the course.

We are recruiting additional trainers to instruct the TIM Responder training. The number of classes of requests for the training is going up. There are currently 18 classes scheduled (see the class schedule at www.training4intime.eventbrite.com . **There is a need for more instructors in Indiana!!!**

There is a specific need for instructors from the fire and tow community of responders. We also need geographical coverage across the state. There is a particular need for instructors from northwest Indiana.

The pre-requisites for the Train-the -Trainer course are:

- Attending a 4 hour TIM Responder training



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- Signed commitment form that commits them to teaching the training 4 times a year. (see attached)

For more information, contact Tom Melville at tmelville11@gmail.com , 765-891-2668 or Karen Stippich at kstippich@dot.gov or 317-226-7122.

ESIP Training Posters – Please see excerpt from the ESIP Insurance Program

“Safety posters are easily available. They can be purchased from a variety of safety product companies but you may also be able to get them at no charge from your insurance company, product manufacturers, and governmental agencies such as OSHA. You may also want to develop your own safety posters. Photos of your own buildings or equipment will have an even greater impact.

So the real answer to the question, safety posters alone may not reduce accidents but a well-planned safety poster program will impact your overall safety program in a positive manner which is a win for everyone.”

For questions or access to posters, please contact info@mcneilandcompany.com.

International Society of Fire Service Instructors Receive an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)!

The International Society of Fire Service Instructors is proud to announce that they are the recipients of a 2014 Department of Homeland Security AFG grant to develop and deliver curriculum using the modern fire behavior research of the last two years. The Society will work with industry experts to finalize the development of an 8-hour Principles

of Modern Fire Attack curriculum to launch in the fall of 2014. In addition, the Society will offer a minimum of 100 free classes nationwide with a target audience of over 10,000 fire service professionals.

The ISFSI is very excited to receive its third year of funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. In 2013 and 2014 AFG funding was used to partner with NIST, Spartanburg Fire and the South Carolina Fire Marshal's Office to conduct live fire experiments to research and prove or disprove how fire reacts to different fire attack models as well as the use of thermal imaging camera's during size up. The research created a huge bank of information for the fire service to use but no real method to disseminate the information to the fire service. This latest grant will allow the ISFSI along with partners at NIST and UL to create a curriculum for the fire service called "Principals of Modern Fire Attack". The first part of the "Principals of Modern Fire Attack" program was launched in August of 2014 in a short video showcasing SLICE-RS. It is viewable at the ISFSI YouTube page and available for sale in CD format at ISFSI.org. It is our hope that by compiling the best lessons learned from the fire dynamics research fire departments will be able to adjust their policies, tactics and training to create a safer environment for the fire service as well as the people we serve in our communities.

OSHA Health & Respirator Questionnaire

There are many fire departments that may have trouble finding time to complete yearly physicals or even have safety questionnaires on station for each member to fill out. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration



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(OSHA) has developed a form for easy completion!

This form may be used when performing the annual FIT testing, or keeping on file at your respective fire department. To view the printable form, please visit

http://www.in.gov/dhs/files/OSHA_questionnaire.pdf.

National Fire Academy Course Vacancies

There are vacancies in upcoming NFA Classes! Don't miss this opportunity to attend this FREE training! View the courses with vacancies at: <http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/main/vacancies/>

Education Lunch Opportunity – “Suicide and Depression in the Fire Service”

Public Safety Medical and the Portage Fire Department are sponsoring an upcoming Lunch and Learn presentation on the topic of “Suicide and Depression in the Fire Service”. This is a free event and includes lunch from Latitudes, formerly Topperz Restaurant. It will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at the Portage University Center in Portage, Indiana.

If you are a fire services and/or municipal leader, you don't want to miss this important topic.

Please click on the following link to learn more and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lunch-and-learn-suicide-and-depression-in-the-fire-service-tickets-13257959915>